

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Survey No. M:35/95

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Pope House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3715 Thornapple Street

☐ not for publication

city, town Chevy Chase

☐ vicinity of

state Maryland

county

Montgomery

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military
☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

Edwin L. and N. V. Lyon

street & number

3715 Thornapple Street

telephone no:

city, town

Chevy Chase

state and zip code

Maryland 20815

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

city, town

state

Montgomery County Courthouse

Tax Map and Parcel

HN342; Lot P8, B12

Liber and Folio

12187/0198

6. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Individually Listed in the National Register
☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ HSR or Research report at MHT
☐ Other:

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent ☐ deteriorated
☐ good ☐ ruins
☐ fair ☐ altered

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count:

See attached.

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Built just after the turn of the twentieth century, the Pope House is a late example of the Free Classic Queen Anne style and is similar to two other Otterbourne residences, the Earll House and Clark House, both dating from the 1890s.¹

Located at the corner of Dalkeith and Thornapple Streets, facing south on Thornapple, the 2-1/2 story, 3-bay frame house is clad with wood shingles. The hipped roof with gables is covered with asphalt shingles.

In contrast to the more traditional exuberant Queen Anne style, the Pope House exhibits restrained yet elegant stylistic elements, such as the fish-tail shingled pedimented gable and keystone oval window at the front elevation of the main block. The house retains its original 2/2 sash windows and operable shutters. The front door is flanked by identical multi-paned half-size fixed windows. The full-width one-story front porch is supported by simple classical columns and the railing lacks the delicate spindlework of the traditional Queen Anne styles.

A rear ell at the west elevation was added before 1927. The house was moved approximately 40 feet east of its original location between 1927 and 1958 and the west wing was removed.² A new rear addition and side deck were added after 1958.

The original setting for the house included Lots 8 and 9 in Block 2, each totaling some 12,625 square feet. Today the house is situated on part of original 8, totaling 10,520 square feet, still substantially larger than most Otterbourne lots.

¹See MHT forms M:35/74 and M:35/75, M-NCPPC.

²Sanborn map 1927, correction 1958.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology- prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

c1902

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D

and/or

Applicable Exceptions: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

HISTORICAL CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Agricultural/Industrial Transition

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Individual

Category:

Residential

Historic Environment:

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Residential

Known Design Source:

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In March 1902, William H. Pope of Washington DC acquired Lots 8 and 9 from Otterbourne investor Eugene Clark. Pope built a house soon after the sale; the property was assessed in 1903 with \$1,800 in improvements and household furnishings worth \$300. An April 1904 telephone directory described Pope as an Otterbourne resident; his occupation was listed variously as lawyer, general practice, and private secretary.³

An interesting footnote to Otterbourne history is revealed in an equity case involving William Pope. In 1908 Pope filed a Bill of Complaint against John Frank Ellis, one of the original developers of Otterbourne and the original owner of Lots 8 and 9, alleging that when Pope purchased the two lots from Eugene Clark in 1902 it was with the understanding that Dalkeith Street would connect Otterbourne to the Chevy Chase Land Company property to the south through Lot 20, Block 1, which would therefore not be a buildable lot. Pope asserted that this street connection would enhance the value of Lots 8 and 9. Ellis challenged Pope's complaint and the Montgomery County Circuit Court ultimately agreed that no monetary relief was warranted.⁴ The connection was never made and Lot 20 was sold for residential development.

By 1915 Pope had died and his widow, Barbara Pope, continued to live at the house. In January 1916, Barbara Pope, residing in Gunston Hall, Virginia, sold the property to Ralph and Faith Stoek Daskam of Washington DC. Ralph Daskam, a bookkeeper, and his wife had two daughters, ages 4 and 7, at the time the family moved to Otterbourne.⁵

Otterbourne is a subdivision established in the Chevy Chase area by four investors: Robert E. Earll, Eugene B. Clark, Raymond Geare, and John Frank Ellis. The men purchased 14.4 acres from the Williams family in 1892, two years after the Chevy Chase Land Company purchased land to the south and west. For convenience, the plat for Otterbourne was filed under Ellis' name. The H-shaped plat was made in July 1894, oriented toward Brookville Road, an important early transportation route. The investors divided the lots among themselves, each one receiving a number equivalent to their respective interest in the original tract of land. Clark and

³Deed TD 19:401 (3/12/1902); tax assessment records, Annapolis, Maryland; Washington and Suburban directories.

⁴Equity Case No. 2400, filed August 3, 1908.

⁵1910 U. S. Census, 1912 Nelson Directory, 1915 Caldwell Directory, Deed 254:78 (1/12/1916).

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Earl were the only two of the four to build and reside in Otterbourne.⁶

Otterbourne investors clearly saw the advantage of the property's location immediately adjacent to the Land Company's development. The name Otterbourne is a reference to the medieval Ballad of Chevy Chase, which had been the origin for the name of the Chevy Chase Land Company's real estate enterprise. It was on the plains of Otterbourne in Scotland that the armies of Lord James Douglas and Sir Henry Percy met in their fabled battle. Otterbourne benefitted from its close proximity to the Rock Creek Railway (1890), which ran along the newly established Connecticut Avenue. Early residents had access to the trolley by way of a boardwalk from Delaware Street (formerly Dalkeith) to Connecticut Avenue. Otterbourne was absorbed into Section 5, and by the 1920s the east-west cross streets were extended out to Connecticut Avenue and Percy Street was renamed Thornapple Street.⁷

⁶Equity Case #2400, 8-24-1908, describes the history of Otterbourne and its investors.

⁷Gwen Wright et al. "Chevy Chase, Maryland, Survey District: Survey Report: Phase Two," Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission, June 1997. Otterbourne Plat, Plat Book 1: Page 1 [Filed July 9, 1894]. William Offutt, History of Bethesda, pp. 173-4.

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See attached

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10,570 Sq. Ft.

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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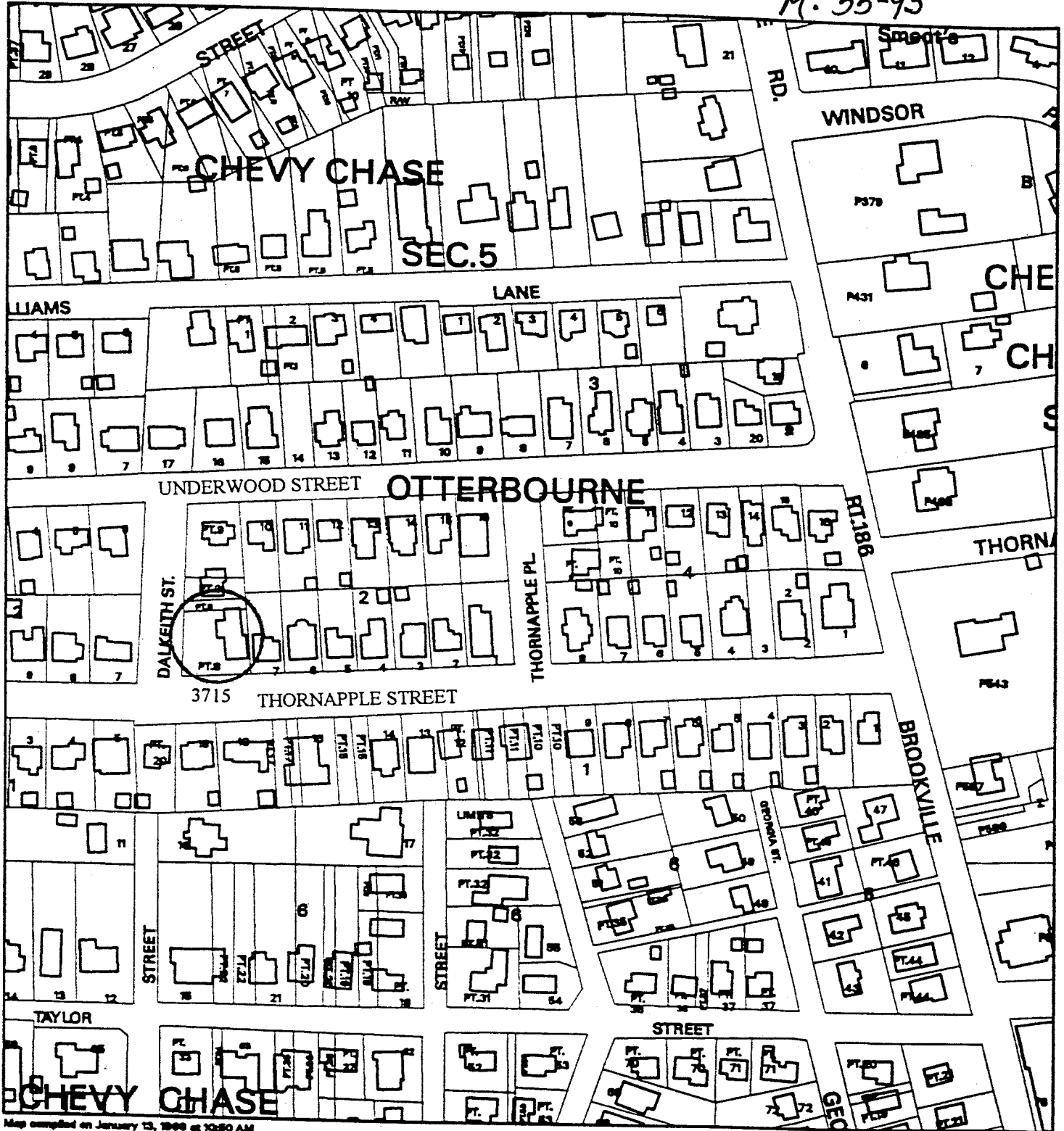
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VICINITY MAP FOR
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